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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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Summary of the Upcoming Week



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Today - Saturday

- **No significant weather impacts expected.**

Sunday

- **Strong/severe storms possible across OK into TX.**

River Flooding

- **Moderate to major flooding will continue through March on the Mississippi River in E AR/E LA.**
 - **Significant impacts to shipping and industrial activities with numerous flooded roadways near the river.**
- **A few rivers in E TX and portions of AR/LA will remain in minor flood stage with minimal impacts.**

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Mar 20, 2019 – Mar 24, 2019



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| DAY / THREAT | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | SUN |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Severe Storms | | | | | OK/TX |
| Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding | | | | | |
| Winter Weather | | | | | |
| Fire Weather | | | | | |
| River Flooding | E AR/E LA | E AR/E LA | E AR/E LA | E AR/E LA | E AR/E LA |

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| | No Weather Threats Expected |
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| | Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years |
| | Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years |

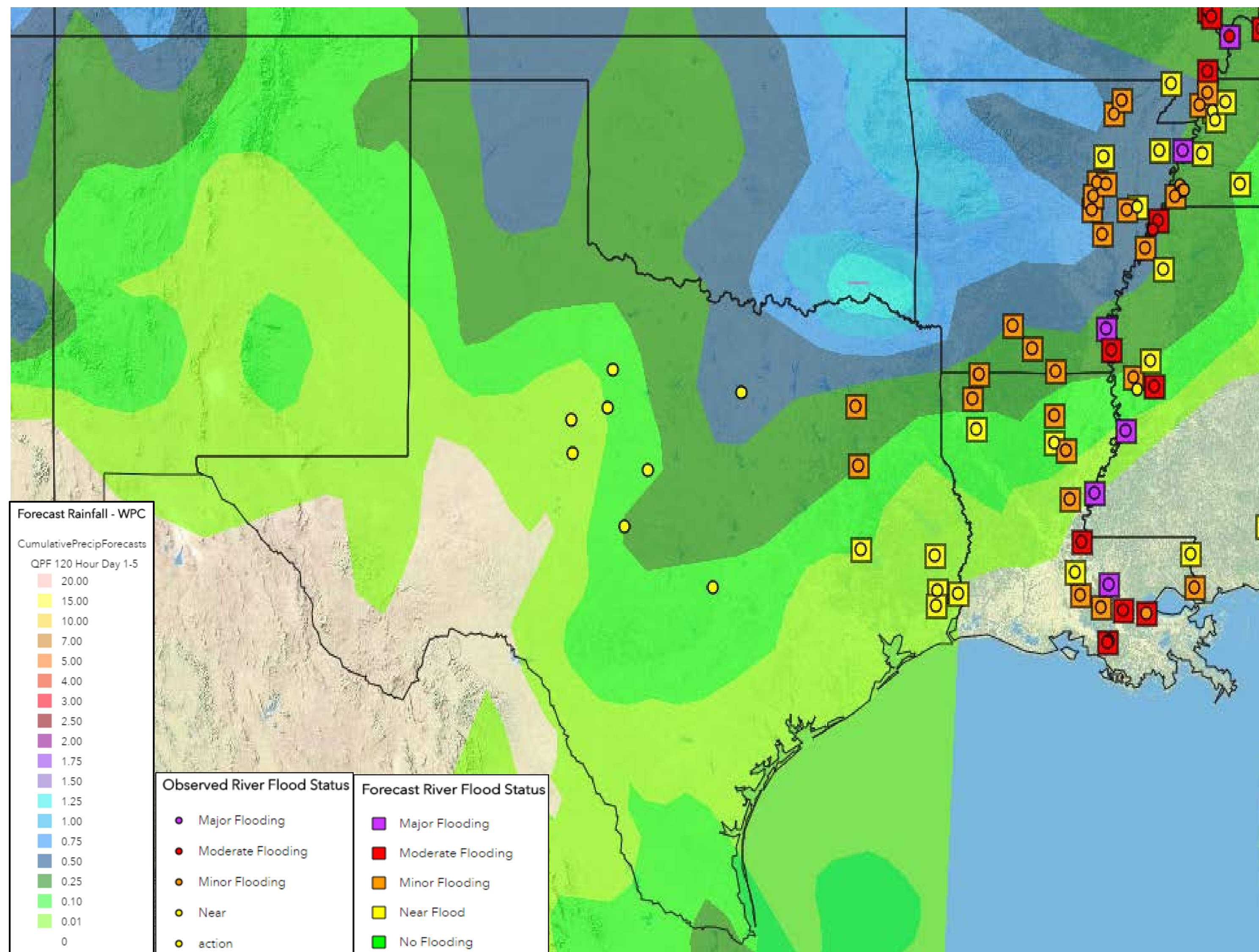
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5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



Moderate to Major flooding will continue through March on the Mississippi River in E AR/E LA.

Arkansas

- MS River is in moderate to major flood in eastern AR with flooded roads near the river.

Louisiana

- MS River at Baton Rouge is at Major flood. Shipping and industrial activities are significantly affected.
- The Bonnet Carre Spillway is operating to reduce flow and maintain just under a 17.0ft stage at New Orleans. No significant impacts are noted.

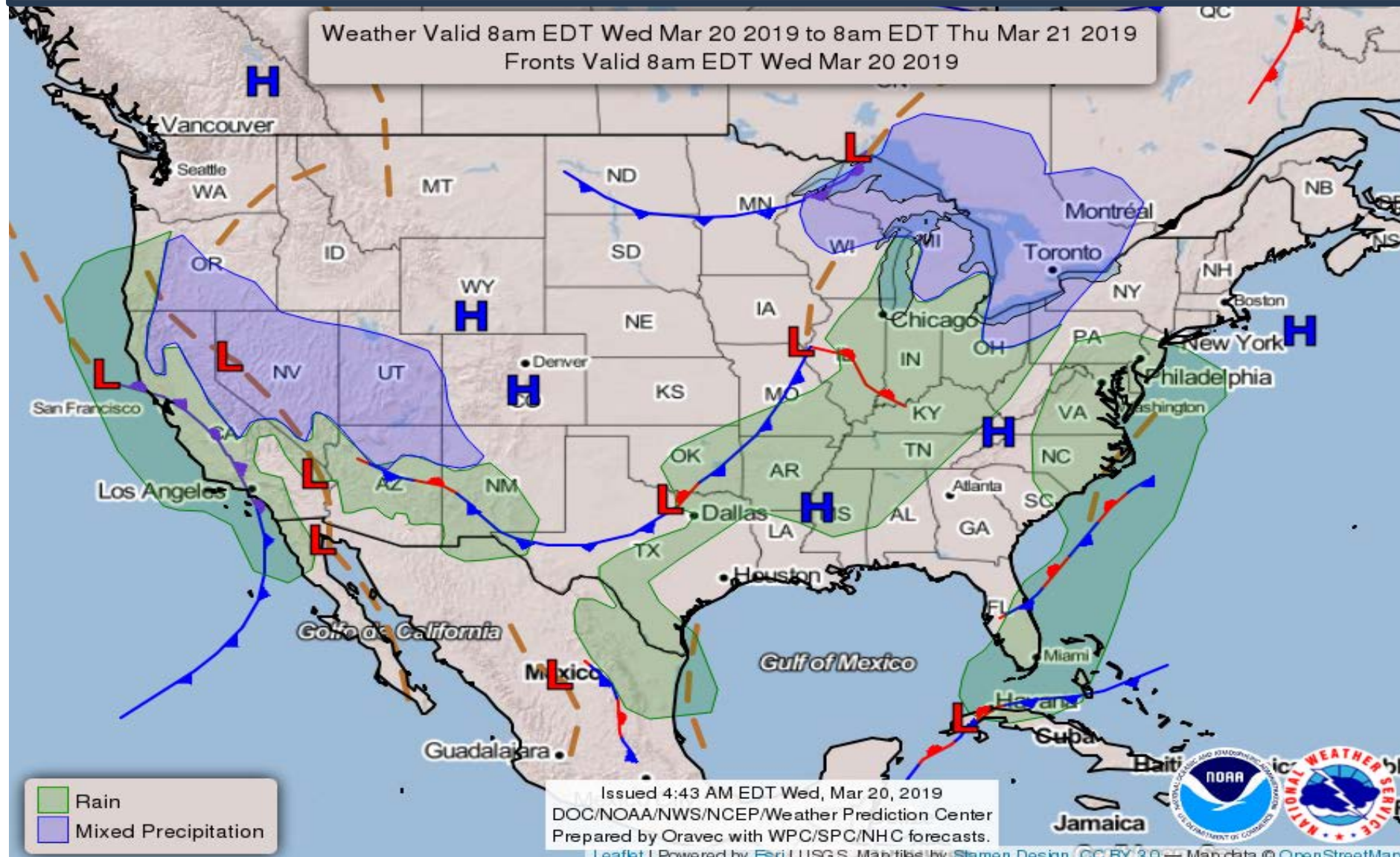
A few rivers in AR/LA and E TX are in minor flood stage with no impacts.

Today's Weather

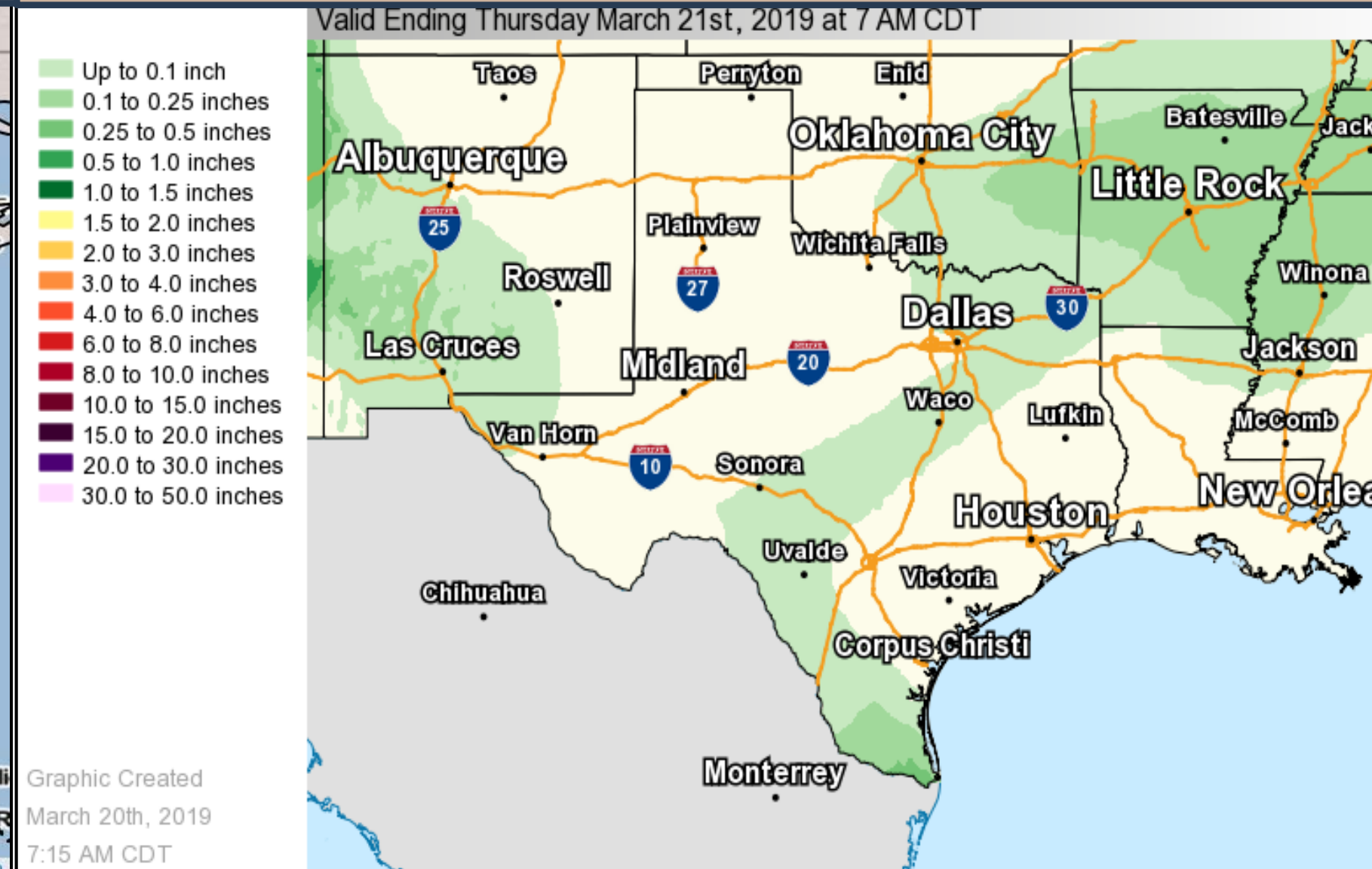


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Forecast Chart

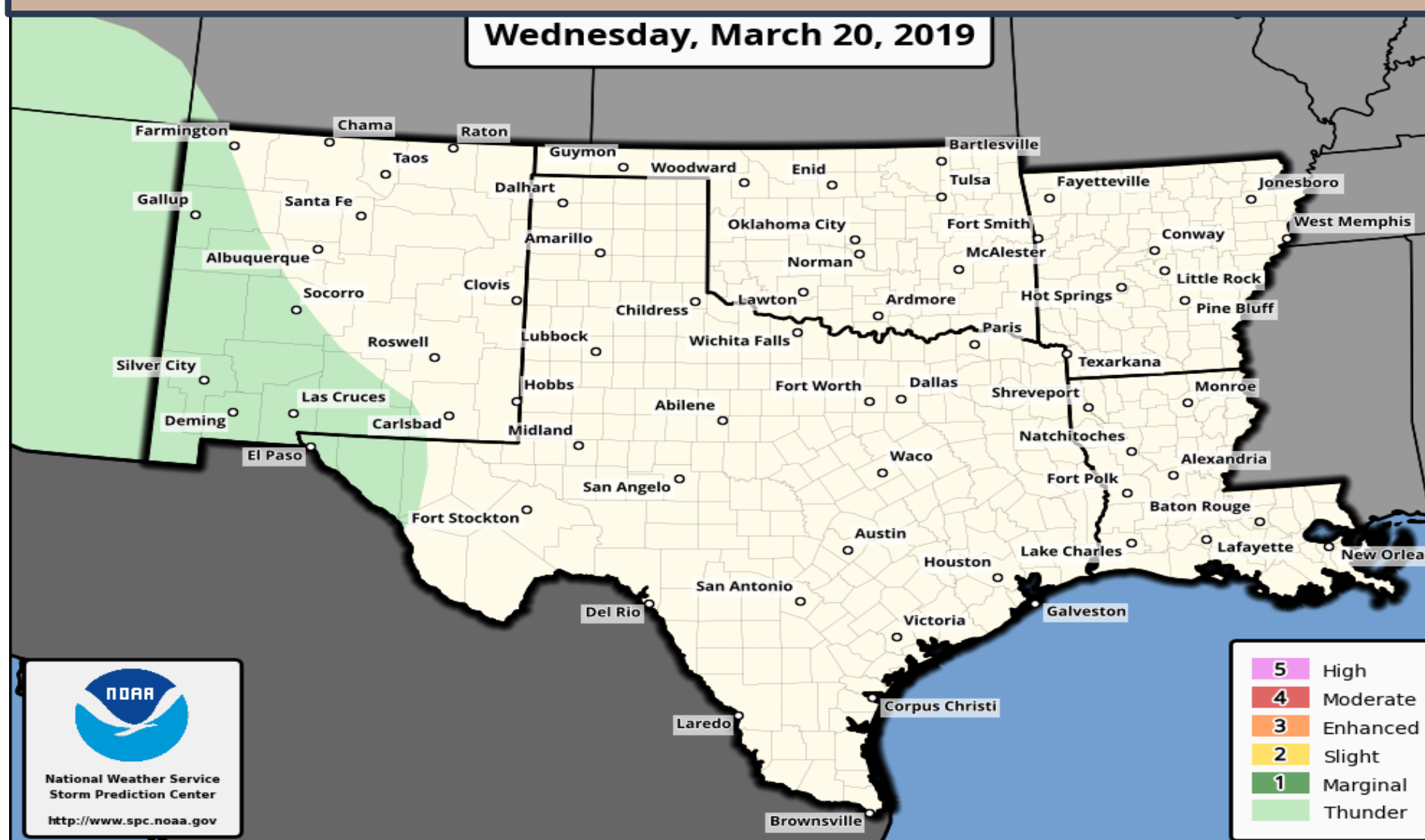


Forecast Rainfall



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Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Tomorrow's Weather

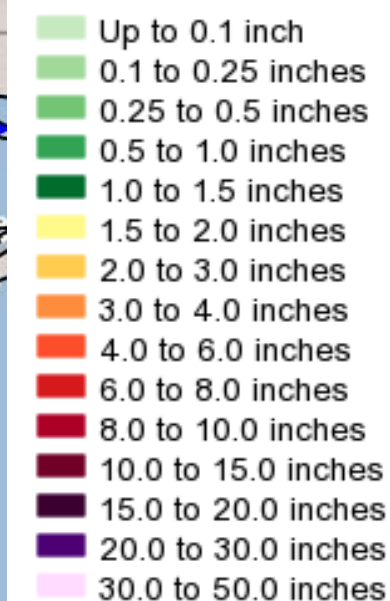
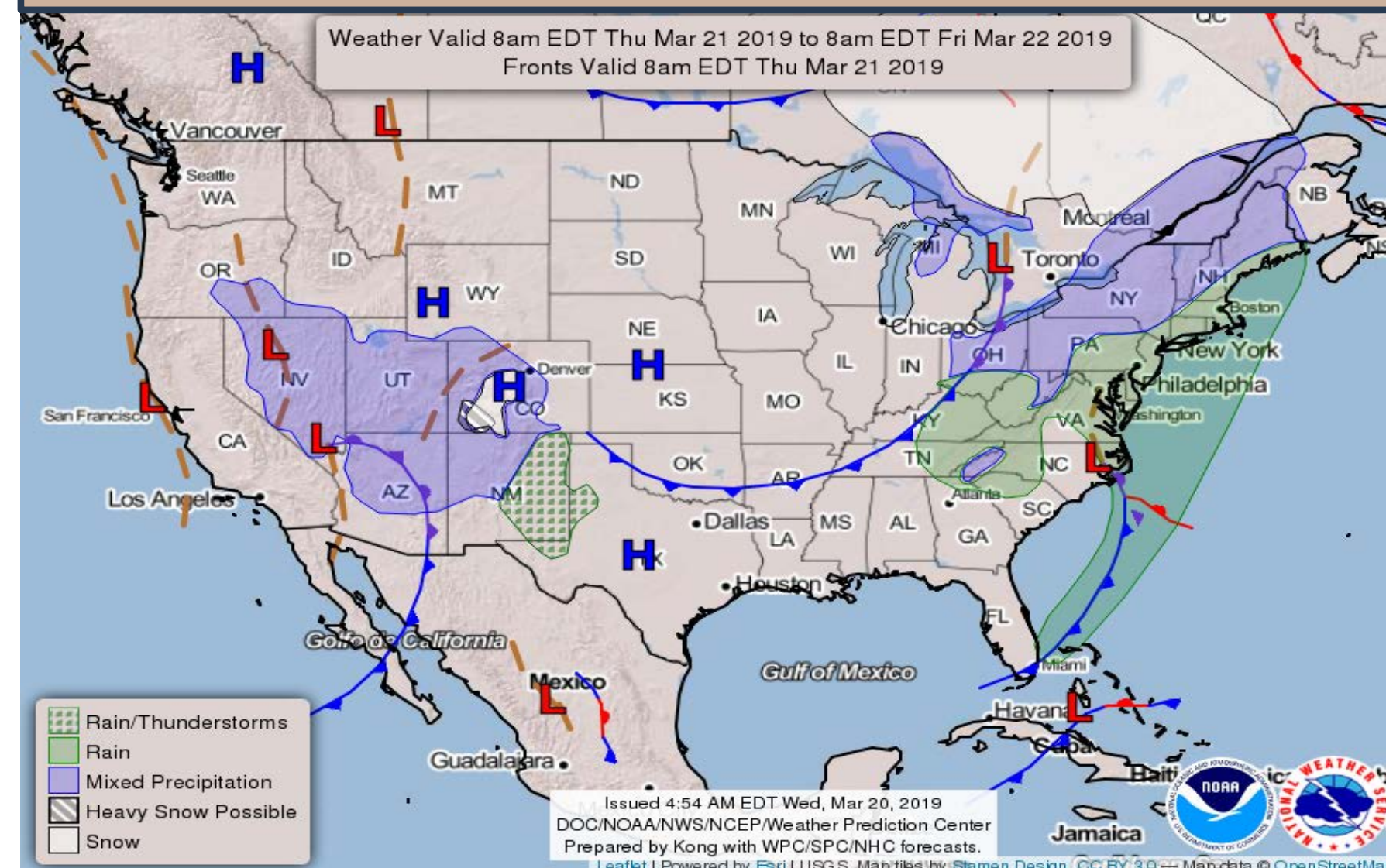


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Forecast Chart

Forecast Rainfall

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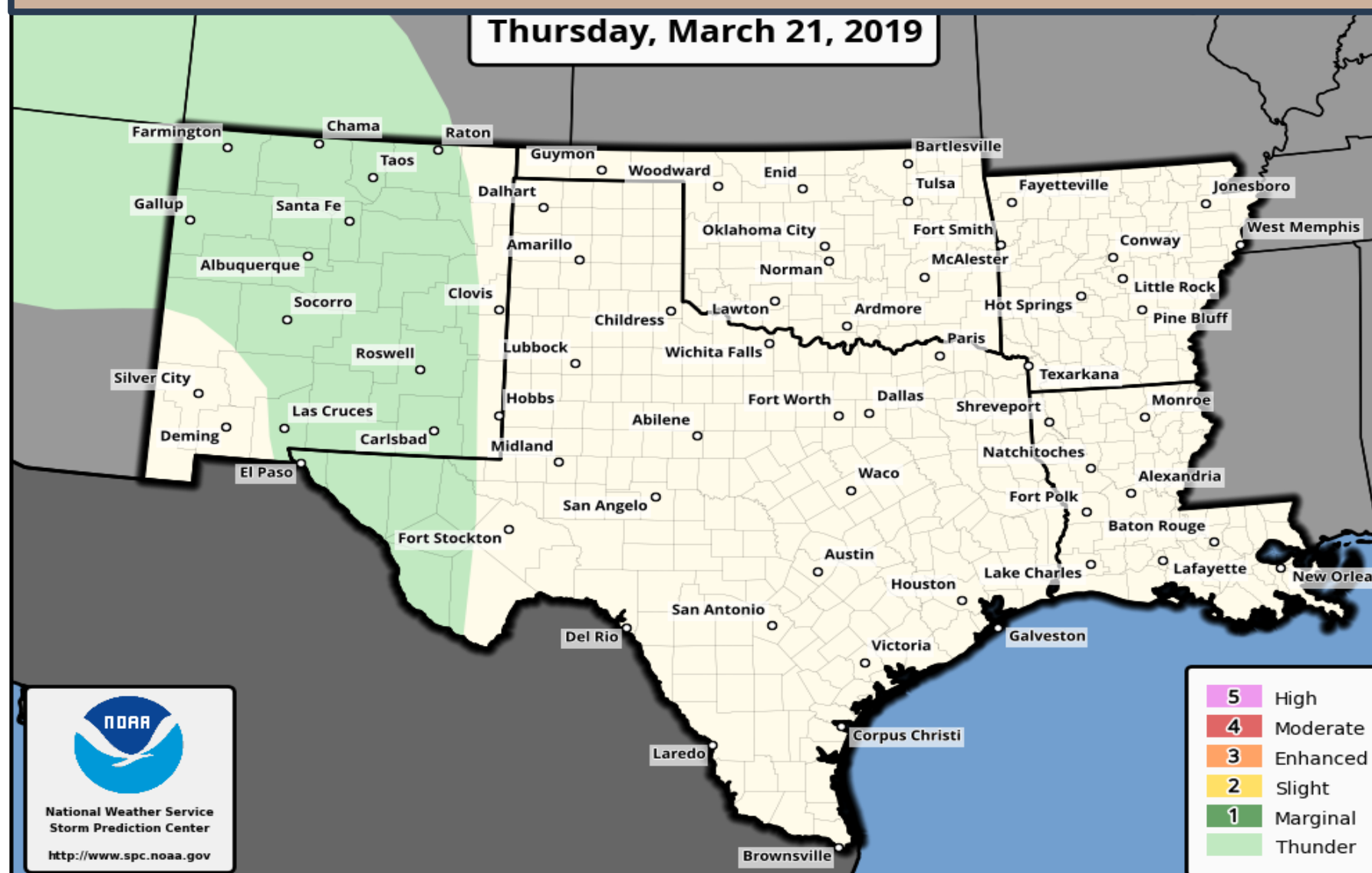


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Severe Weather Outlook

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Friday's Weather

Forecast Chart

Forecast Rainfall



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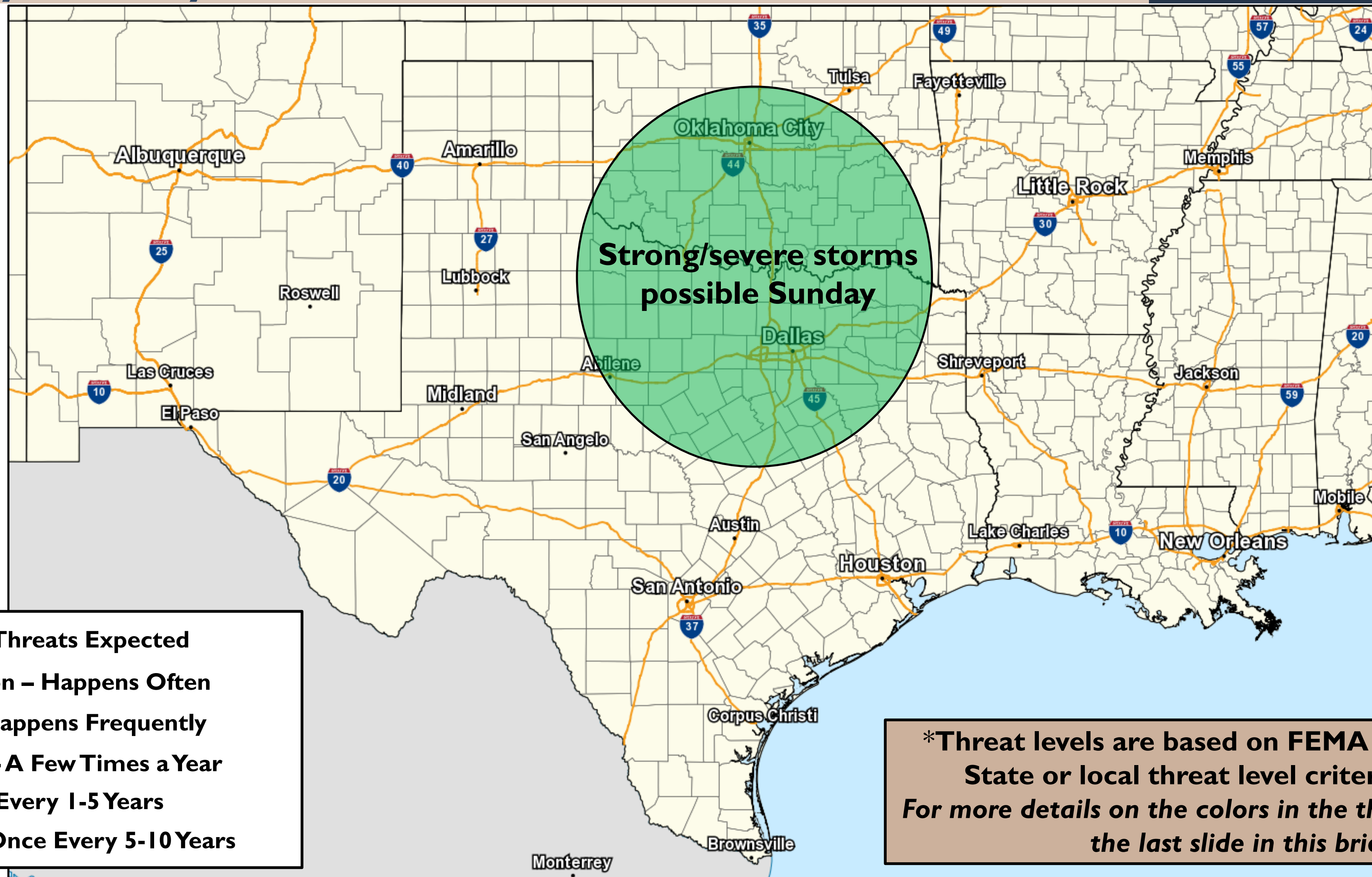
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Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Saturday - Sunday



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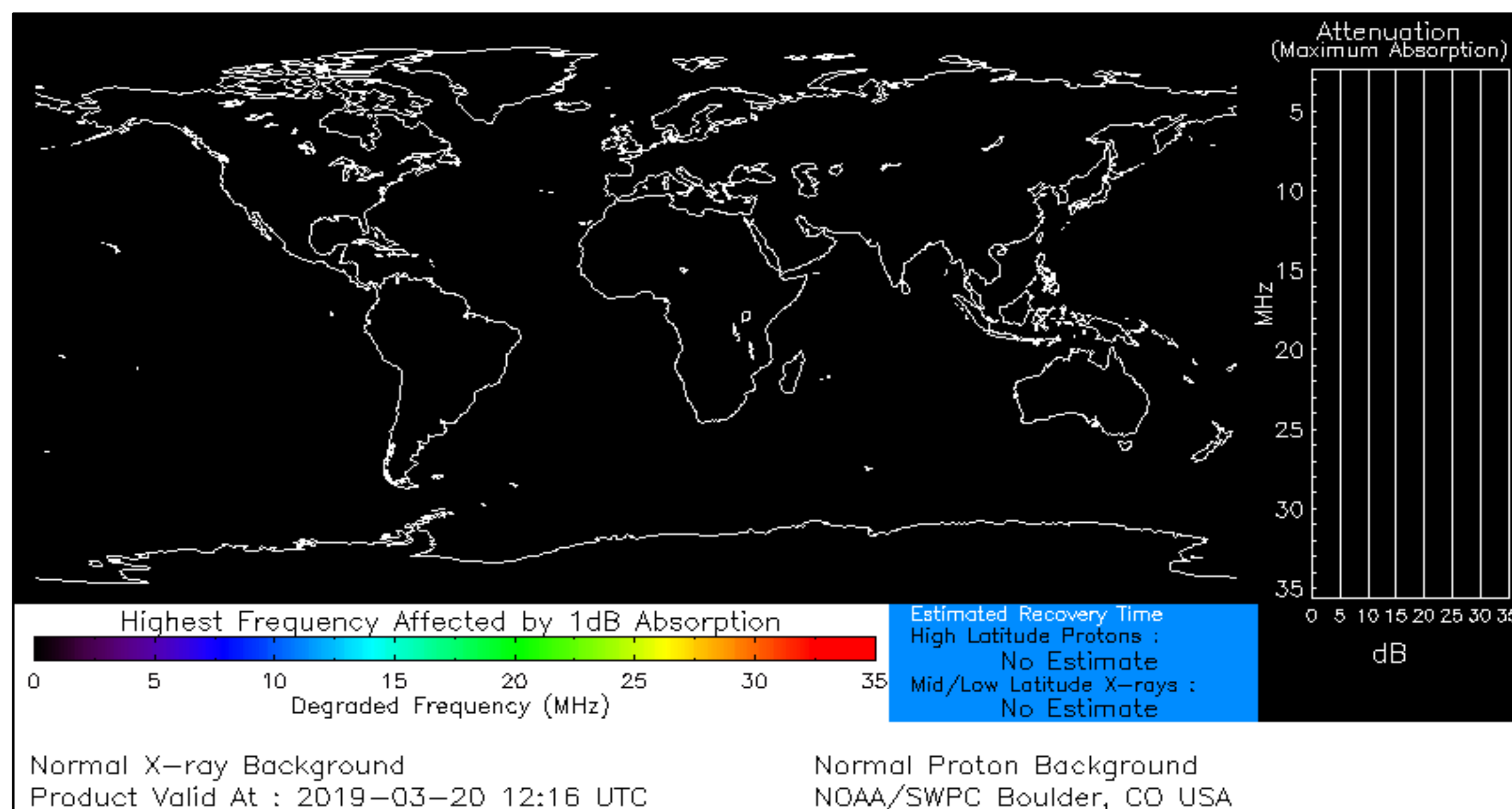
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Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



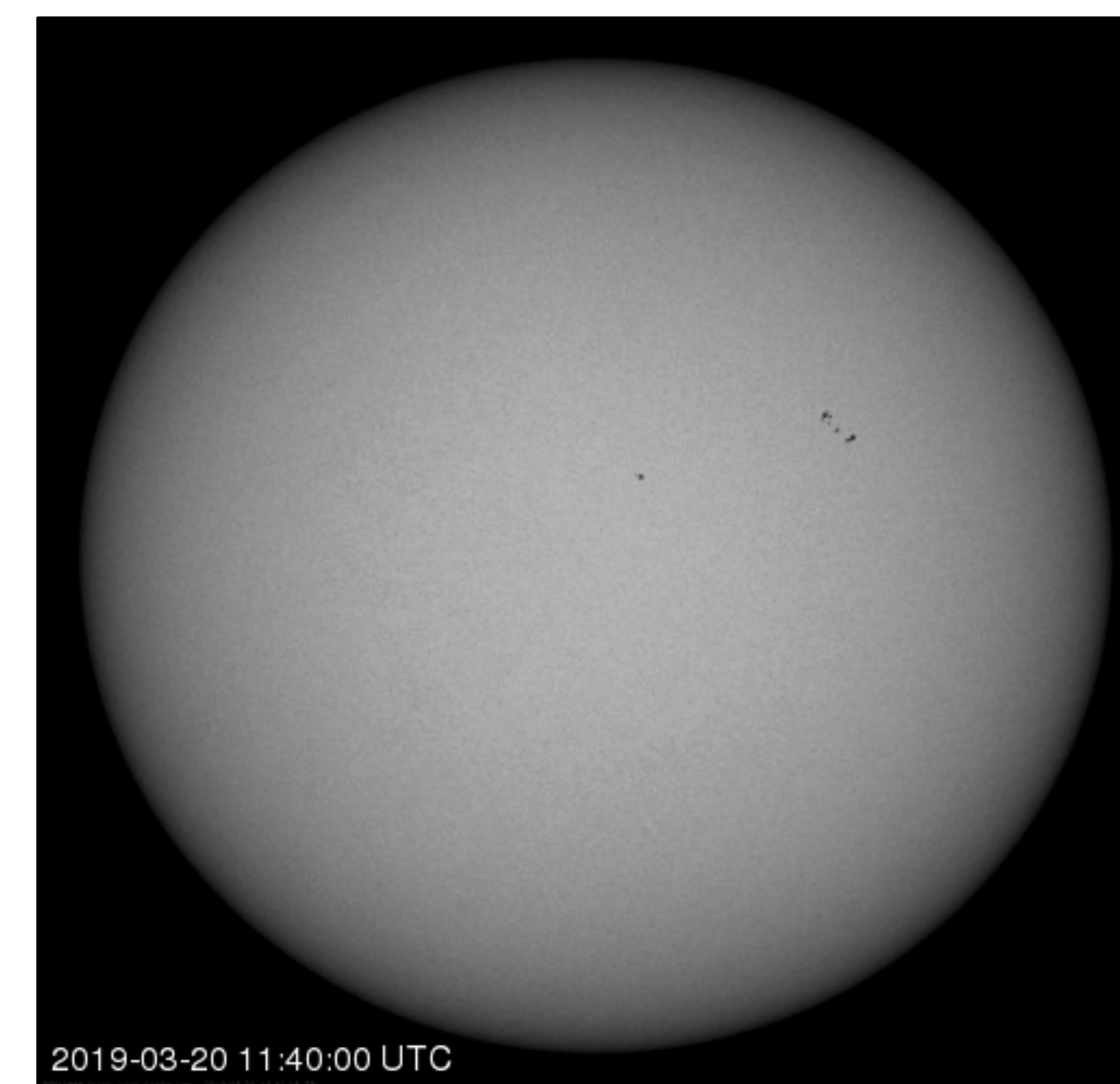
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| | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Geomagnetic Storms | Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3) | Quiet (Max Kp = 2) | Quiet (Max Kp = 2) |
| Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5) | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Radio Blackout (R1-R2) | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Radio Blackout (R3-R5) | 1% | 1% | 1% |



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)





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| Weather “Threat” Matrix | | | |
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| Color | Definition | Criteria | Example(s) |
| Green | Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines | Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX |
| Yellow | Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life | Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail |
| Orange | Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life | Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected |
| Red | Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life | Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue |
| Purple | Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life | Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms |

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